Allocation of Funds under Central Road Fund

681. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the existing norms for allocation of funds under the Central Road Fund;

(b) whether there is any proposal to change these norms; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) As per the resolution adopted by Parliament on the 13th May, 1988, there shall be set apart an amount not less than 5 per cent of the basic price out of the duty of customs and of excise levied on motor spirit and diesel and the accruals will be allocated in the following manner :—

(i) Half per cent on administering the Central Road Fund;

(ii) 35 1/2 per cent on development and maintenance of National Highways; and

(iii) 64 per cent to be utilised by the States/Union Territories for development and maintenance of the State Roads.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Air Flight between Kuwait and Hyderabad

682. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce direct air flight from Hyderabad to Kuwait; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The traffic potential on this route does not warrant any consideration at present.

Air Service between Delhi and Tirupati

683. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to reefr to the answer to Unstarred Question 959 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1988 and state what steps Government propose to take to improve the Tirupati airfield to make it acceptable for Boeing 737 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : The National Airports Authority has plans to develop Tirupati airport for B-737 operations. Due to resource constraints, it has not been possible for the Authority to take up the project. The Authority has approached the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam for an interest free loan of Rs. 10 crores repayable in 20 years, for improving the facilities at Tirupati Airport.

Conservation of Sites and Monuments by Archaeological Survey of India

684. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has identified sites and monuments throughout the country for special conservation plans during the current Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details of the monuments and sites so identified for conservation, State-wise;

(c) what are the details of the amount allocated for each monument; and

(d) what progress has been made in implementing the plan so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c.) The details of the monuments and sites identified for conservation are appended. [*See* Appendix CXL VIII, Annexure No. 33]

(d) The works are in different stages of implementation.

Vayudoot service between Hyderabad and Nellore

685. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a Vayudoot service between Hyderabad and Nellore;

(b) what is the criterion for starting a feeder line service; and

(c) what is the number of Vayudoot Services being operated for Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The criteria adopted for selecting new stations for airlinking by Vayudoot are:

(i) Economic viability of operations,

(ii) Geographical terrain,

(iii) Tourism and industrial potential,

(iv) Availability of infrastructural facilities,

(v) Potential to feed services on major routes; and

(vi) Affinity of the new station with the base.

(c) Vayudoot is at present operating 9 services to and from Hyderabad.

Primary Education in the country

686. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the state of primary education in the country and the number of villages having primary school, district-wise;

(b) what is the number of primary schools having school buildings, state-wise—District-wise; and

(c) what special steps have been taken to give adequate financial assistance to those States which are having less number of primary schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) As per Fourth All India Educational Survey (1978), there were 434294 habitations which had primary schooling facilities with in walking distance of one kilometre. The survey does not reveal the information district-wise, but State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Statement-II indicating the position of school buildings State-wise on the basis of the Fourth All India Educational Survey is attached. (*See* below). District-wise details are not recorded in the survey but State-wise details are appended.

(c) The main responsibility of providing primary education facilities lies with the State Governments. However, the Central Government has started certain centrally sponsored schemes to provide assistance to State Governments to improve the quality of primary education and provide for the needs of children who cannot avail of primary schooling; viz. scheme of Operation Blackboard for improvement of physical facilities in schools, scheme of District Institute of Education and Training for improvement in teacher education and Non-Formal Education for part time education to children who cannot attend whole day scools.